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one. It contains a clear and accurate statement of the existing law, and a full marshalling of authorities. The method of printing the propositions of law in more prominent type than the discussions that follow gives them an added emphasis that is of much help to the student. In every way, this work is fully up to the standard of usefulness set by the previous volumes of the Hornbook Series.

E. S. T.

CIVIL PROCEDURE AT COMMON LAW. By Alexander Martin. Boston. The Boston Book Company. 1899. pp. xxxii, 416.

In the early days of code pleading it was erroneously concluded that the new system had done away with the necessity of any knowledge of the old common law procedure, but with a clearer insight into the real nature of the subject it was soon perceived that a thorough understanding of the new system was impossible without at least some acquaintance with its predecessor. As Professor Martin states in his preface, "authors on code procedure in the United States usually advise students commencing its study to first familiarize themselves with the principles of common-law procedure." For this purpose the present work is admirably adapted. The book has been prepared for students, but the practitioner may often find its assistance of value. Some knowledge of the old forms of procedure is essential to an intelligent reading of cases in any subject, and the intending student could make no better preparation for work under the case system than a careful study of this book. In the fourteen chapters of his treatise Professor Martin carries the reader through the entire progress of an action at law. The fundamental principles involved are clearly stated, and some of the more interesting questions in dispute are briefly alluded to, but no attempt is made to go into any lengthy discussion or determination of them. The work, indeed, is more of a compilation than an original treatise, but thoroughly accurate and systematic. The historical part of the subject is particularly well covered. A noteworthy chapter is the one entitled "Ancient Real Actions," containing a concise account of those obsolete methods of procedure. In the main, the author's conclusions as to the substantive law necessarily included in his subject are sufficiently sound, though exception might be taken to some of his definitions, *e. g.* of conversion in trover. Trespass *ab initio* is very inadequately explained, and is not even mentioned in the index. On the other hand, particularly commendable are his discussions of the origin of detinue, and of the nature of debt. In the appendix are a full collection of writs, declarations, etc., and an excellent discussion of General Assumpsit for Part Performance.

N. B. B.

We have also received:

WIT AND HUMOR OF THE BENCH AND BAR. By Marshall Brown. Chicago: T. H. Flood & Co. 1899. pp. xv, 578. This is an entertaining book. The best sayings of a very large number of well-known members of the bench and bar at home and abroad are here collected. Short sketches of many of the more prominent are given, — merely a few lines in most cases, but so skilfully arranged in connection with the anecdotes as to convey a distinct though partial idea of the subject's personality. The book is furnished with a thorough index of subjects and of authors. The typography and general arrangement leave nothing to be desired.

REPORT OF THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, held at Atlantic Hotel, Morehead City, N. C., July 5th, 6th and 7th, 1899. Edited by J. Crawford Biggs, Secretary. Durham, N. C.: The Seeman Printery. 1899. pp. 150.

PROCEDURE OF THE CIVIL COURTS IN BRITISH INDIA. Vol. I. By Hukm Chand. Bombay: The Bombay Education Society's Steam Press. 1899. pp. xiv, 835. *Review will follow.*

GENERAL DIGEST AMERICAN AND ENGLISH. Quarterly Advance Sheets. No. 13, October, 1899. Rochester, N. Y.: The Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Co. 1899. pp. 990.

BULLETIN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, No. 31. English Common Law in the Early American Colonies. By Paul Samuel Reinsch. Madison, Wisconsin. 1899. pp. 64.

A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS. By W. C. Rodgers. Chicago: T. H. Flood & Co. 1899. pp. cxxxiii, 900. *Review will follow.*

THE LAW OF ANIMALS. By John H. Ingham. Philadelphia: T. & J. W. Johnson & Co. 1900. pp. xiii, 800. *Review will follow.*